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Experience Works recruits older workers

Columbia — “May is Older Americans Month, and one way seniors can celebrate is by increasing their activity level through work,” said Billy Wooten, Experience Works Regional Director.

“It’s well established that seniors who work are healthier and remain independent longer than their non-working counterparts. Working seniors are helping to redefine the experience of aging as they contribute to the state, local and national economies and provide value to employers.”

This year’s theme for Older American’s Month is Older Americans: Making Choices for a Healthier Future.

Experience Works, a national charitable nonprofit organization that helps seniors get the training they need to find jobs in their local communities, is currently recruiting unemployed individuals 55 and older with limited income, who want to learn new skills, gain job experience, and ultimately work full- or part-time in their local communities.

Through the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), Experience Works collaborates with nonprofit organizations and community-service agencies to provide paid work experience, temporary training, and job-

placement services to seniors in local communities.

Giving back through community service and learning valuable skills is the key to success for many seniors across America. With Experience Works’ help, many people gain marketable employment skills and earn while they learn. This helps them meet basic living expenses and cover necessities such as out-of-pocket medical costs. Without work and income they otherwise would face extreme hardship.

If you are an employer who might benefit from an older employee or if you are 55 and older, unemployed, facing economic challenges and want to get back into the work force contact Experience Works: Don Hall at don_hall@experienceworks.org or 843-546-8581.

Experience Works is the largest provider of the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP). This program, funded under Title V of the Older Americans Act, enables Experience Works to help thousands of people with limited incomes throughout the United States. Information about Experience Works and its programs can be found at www.experienceworks.org. Information about other providers of SCSEP can be found at www.dol.gov.